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application of

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Teruo MARUYAMA et al.

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Sir:

**Prior to initial examination of the above-identified application, kindly amend
the application as follows:**